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Art Unit	3672
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

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i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_

ii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

b. ☒ Enclosed

i. ☒ Amendment/Reply

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. Miscellaneous

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(f) required)

b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)

ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)

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**RCE AMENDMENT SUBMISSION UNDER 37 CFR 1.114**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 29, 2003, this paper is submitted under 37 CFR 1.114 as part of the Request for Continued Examination (RCE). This paper is submitted prior to payment of the issue fee. Continued examination of the application is respectfully requested in light of the following amendment and remarks. Please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

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Reply to Office Action Dated March 17, 2004

application in condition for allowance. If this belief is incorrect, or other issues arise, do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated March 17, 2004 for which the three-month date for response is June 17, 2004. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicants petition for an extension of time of one month in which to respond to the Office Action. This one-month extension will bring the deadline for response to July 19, 2004, which is within the six-month statutory period (July 17 falls on a Saturday). The Commissioner is authorized to charge the fee of \$110.00 to Deposit Account No. 19-0610 for the one month extension. Please apply any charges not covered, or any credits, to Deposit Account 19-0610 (Reference Number 20.2756).

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